

NEW HAMPSHIRE ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLE INCENTIVES AND LAWS

Overview

New Hampshire does not offer any incentives or rebates for alternative fuel vehicles (AFVs), but does have mandates requiring public and private entities to purchase a percentage of inherently low emission vehicles (ILEVs).

State Incentives

New Hampshire has no incentives to promote the use of AFVs. For more information, contact Jonathan Osgood, Governor's Office of Energy and Community Services, at (603) 271-2611.

Utility/Private Incentives

Bay State Gas Company has a preferential fuel rate of 60¢/gasoline gallon equivalent (gge) for natural gas used to fuel a motor vehicle. Contact Gary Robinson at (508) 836-7188 for additional information.

Laws & Regulations

House Bill (HB) 1599 (1996) postpones the implementation of the state alternative motor vehicle fleet requirements for two years.

Senate Bill (SB) 788 (1994) is a substitute program of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (CAAA) Clean Fuel Fleet Program and requires certain utilities and Federal, state, municipal, and private entities to purchase a percentage of ILEVs according to the following schedule, as amended by HB 1599:

Utilities	<u>Year</u>	<u>Light Duty</u>	<u>Heavy Duty</u>
	1999	30%	-
	2000	50%	50%
	2001	70%	50%
	2002	90%	90%
	Thereafter	90%	90%
State	1999	15%	-
	2000	30%	50%
	2001	50%	50%
	2002	75%	50%
	Thereafter	75%	50%
Federal	1997	25%	25%
	1998	50%	50%
	1999	66%	66%
	2000	75%	75%
	2001	90%	90%
	Thereafter	90%	90%
Municipal/Private	2000	-	50%
	2001	30%	50%
	2002	50%	50%
	2003	70%	50%

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Laws & Regulations (cont.)

An inter-governmental committee to study alternative transportation fuels was required by law. The committee studied and developed incentives to promote the use of compressed natural gas (CNG), propane, electricity, ethanol, methanol, reformulated gasoline (RFG), solar, and hydrogen for transportation purposes. The committee created SB 788. The final report was issued October 18, 1994.

HB 1267 provides an advisory committee to the statewide mass transportation and air quality projects planning study being conducted by the Department of Transportation.

SB 768 (1994) allows for the electric and gas utilities to provide rates, terms, and conditions for the sale of electricity and natural gas for motor vehicle use. The purpose of this law is to "promote the utilization of electric and natural gas vehicles."

SB 756 (1994) excludes electricity or natural gas sold for vehicles from the state franchise tax.

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